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COMMISSIONERS APPOINT CUSIMANO TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today appointed Colleen Cusimano of Ijamsville, Md., to fill the Frederick County Board of Education position that is open due to the recent passing of James Reeder, Jr. After being sworn-in to office by the clerk of the court, Ms. Cusimano's appointment will be effective on July 11, 2013, and her term will expire in December 2014.

Board President Blaine Young said, "On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we are very saddened by the untimely death of Board of Education member James Reeder, Jr., and extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends. Among his many attributes, he will be remembered for his fiscal responsibility and common sense. With his business and extensive financial experience, he understood the economic realities of today. Jimmy will be sorely missed both personally and professionally.

"The board has not had the privilege of appointing a member to the Board of Education since 2008, and we are honored to now appoint Colleen Cusimano to fill this vacancy to continue Jimmy's fiscal legacy. We feel that the voters already made their choice in the election, as Ms. Cusimano is the candidate next-in-line based on votes and philosophy. She believes in open and transparent government and her focus is to make budgetary issues of primary importance. We like her back-to-basics approach and desire to scrutinize school board expenditures, as they are over 50 percent of our budget. After consulting with Jimmy's wife and brother, we concluded that Frederick County citizens will be well served by Ms. Cusimano."

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